Rodeo: Cruelty for a Buck



The following is a partial list of incidents since 1995 involving animals used in rodeos. Reporting requirements vary; these incidents are incomplete.

July 4, 2026/St. Paul, Oregon: An eyewitness reported seeing an injured calf being hauled out of the arena.

July 4, 2026/Maui, Hawaii: An eyewitness reported that during the calf roping event at the Makawao Stampede, a calf got wrapped around a pole and was violently flung around. Aghast audience members believe his neck was broken and he died.

June 29, 2026/Prescott, Arizona: According to an eyewitness at the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo, a calf was pulled hard during the calf-roping event and did not get up again. Staff carted the animal off and it is believed that he died.

May 23, 2026/Rembert, South Carolina: According to an eyewitness, a horse collapsed at the Black Cowboy Festival and Rodeo and died after bleeding from the nose and suffering violent seizures. The cause was heat stroke.

May 16, 2026/Surrey, British Columbia, Canada: During the saddle bronc event at the Cloverdale Rodeo, a rider and his horse became tangled and went down. The rider was taken to the hospital for treatment and the horse was reportedly "recovering."

May 15, 2026/Castro Valley, California: A horse was euthanized after breaking his leg at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo.

March 11, 2026/Houston, Texas: A steer at the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show was euthanized after sustaining an injury during the steer wrestling event.

August 30, 2025/Kennewick, Washington: A horse collapsed and died after suffering a ruptured aorta during an event at the Horse Heaven Roundup rodeo.

August 8, 2025/Gilroy, California: A horse broke her neck and died at the Gilroy Rodeo. According to a news account, participants "surrounded the mare as she was loaded into a trailer, blocking the shocking view from the audience as much as possible." The rodeo continued as scheduled.

July 12, 2025/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A horse suffered a broken leg during a chuckwagon race and was euthanized**.**

July 5, 2025/Henderson, Kentucky: A horse was euthanized after breaking his neck after tripping and falling during the Lone Star Rodeo.

April 18, 2025: San Angelo, Texas: A bull was euthanized after a fall at the 2025 San Angelo Rodeo. A veterinarian determined the bull had suffered a spinal injury.

March 28, 2025/Austin, Texas: A horse suffered a heart attack and died at Rodeo Austin.

February 7, 2025/Fort Worth, Texas: During the chuckwagon event at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, a horse "wiped out" and was removed on a stretcher.

January 11, 2025/San Diego, California: After competing in a saddle bronc event at the San Diego Rodeo, a mare began trembling and died in her stall. A necropsy determined the horse was in her third trimester of pregnancy and the cause of death was a ruptured uterine artery that happened spontaneously. The mare's death marks the second at the event in as many years.

July 2024/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Three horses were euthanized after sustaining catastrophic injuries during the Calgary Stampede's chuckwagon races. During a rodeo event, a steer was euthanized after his neck was twisted backward and he crashed to the ground.

July 27, 2024/Rock Springs, Wyoming: A horse died during a performance at the annual Red Desert Roundup Rodeo. According to a spokesperson, the horse died from a heart attack.

July 18, 2024/Salinas, California: A sheep used in the mutton busting event became lame in one leg; a horse sustained a pulled muscle during a non-sanctioned event; and during a breakaway roping event, a horse became lame.

June 8 and 9, 2024/Green River, Wyoming: Two horses were injured and died during the bronc riding event of the Overland Stage Stampede Rodeo. One died instantly, and the other was euthanized later.

May 11, 2024/Sonora, California: A bull sustained a "severe fracture" and was euthanized at the Mother Lode Round Up.

April 22–27, 2024/Clovis, California: During the Clovis Rodeo, a calf sustained a fracture in the tie-down event and three steers sustained leg fractures in team roping events.

January 13, 2024/San Diego, California: On the first night of the San Diego Rodeo at Petco Park, a horse ran full speed into a metal barricade and collapsed. Workers quickly shielded the downed horse with a tarp, and he was trucked out of the arena. Another horse sustained a cut over his eye, which required several staples to close, in the tie-down roping event, and a steer sustained an abrasion in the team roping event

November 4, 2023/ Lake Luzerne, New York: A witness at the Painted Pony Championship Rodeo reported that a calf being used in the roping event went "flying" and appeared to drop dead to the ground. The same witness claims that another calf died the year before in the same event.

September 8, 2023/Salt Lake City, Utah: A calf being used in a rodeo at the Utah State Fair "was clotheslined straight back" and just lay "on the ground, not moving." The animal reportedly stood up, only to collapse again. He was dragged out of the arena by his neck.

August 3, 2023/Costa Mesa, California: A bull broke his hind leg almost immediately after leaving the chute at the Orange County Fair rodeo. It took several minutes for handlers to get the badly injured animal medical attention, and he was later euthanized.

August 2023/Boone County, Illinois: Drone footage taken by the animal rights group Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK) reveals rodeo riders beating their horses, animals being jabbed with electric prods, and animals sustaining broken bones and bleeding wounds that went untreated. Footage also captured a paralyzed steer who was dragged by his horns, lifted with an earthmover, and dumped in a barn. He was then shot to death.



August 2023/Norco, California: A horse was euthanized after breaking a leg at the Norco Mounted Posse PRCA Rodeo.

July 22, 2023/Salinas, California: A calf sustained a broken leg during the tie-down roping event and was euthanized at the California Rodeo Salinas.

July 22, 2023/Madras, Oregon: According to two eyewitnesses, a horse sustained a broken leg in a "wild horse–breaking" contest at the Jefferson County Fair & Rodeo. One witness said that the horse's leg was "dangling," and the animal was reportedly dragged from the arena and shot.

July 19, 2023/Pawhuska, Oklahoma: Two horses died at the Cavalcade Rodeo.

July 15, 2023/Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada: A horse was euthanized after his leg was broken during the bronc riding event at the Triple S Fair & Rodeo.

July 14, 2023/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A horse was euthanized after sustaining an injury during a Chuckwagon Race at the Calgary Stampede. Workers used tarps to conceal the area, and the horse was hauled off the track while still covered with tarps.

July 2, 2023/Cody, Wyoming: According to an eyewitness, a horse was killed in a bucking event at the Cody Nite Rodeo. The witness said the horse was being roped from both sides when a rider got caught in the ropes. The horse was asphyxiated, or possibly the animal's trachea was crushed, said the witness, who described the incident as horrific and atrocious.

July 1, 2023/St. Paul, Oregon: A calf reportedly sustained a broken back and was left paralyzed at the St. Paul Rodeo.

July 1, 2023/Prescott, Arizona: According to an eyewitness, a horse collapsed and "required what appeared to be CPR" at the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo. The witness described the incident as horrendous. "The horse walked out, but I was very concerned about the future of that horse."

June 16, 2023/Princeton, British Columbia, Canada: A horse jumped over an arena fence and landed on their head during a bucking event at the Princeton Rodeo.

June 17, 2023 North Platte, Nebraska: A bull being used in a bullriding event at the Buffalo Bill Rodeo apparently broke his back and was left partially paralyzed. After about 10 minutes, he was carted out of the area and euthanized.

May 2, 2023/Clovis, California: A bull sustained a broken horn during the bullriding event and a calf was pulled from competing after leaving the tie-down event lame.

May 1, 2023/Springfield, California: A calf sustained a broken leg in the roping event at the Springfield Sierra Rodeo.

April 30, 2023/Springville, California: A calf used in the tie-down event at the Springville Sierra Rodeo sustained a fractured leg.

April 15, 2023/ San Luis Obispo, California: A horse was euthanized after sustaining a paralyzing spinal injury at the Cal Poly Rodeo.

April 2023/Clovis, California: A calf used in the tie-down event at the Clovis Rodeo was left lame. In another event, a horse being used in a steer wrestling event tripped and somersaulted face–first into the dirt.

March 6, 2023/Houston, Texas: According to an eyewitness, a calf being used in the calf-roping event at the Houston Rodeo was roped so hard that the calf flew backwards and was unable to get up. The witness stated, "I know that calf had to be euthanized shortly after if not already dead. There is no way he survived that."

December 10, 2022/Wingate, North Carolina: According to a witness, a steer suffered a broken neck and died during a rodeo at the Cross Creek Arena. His body was dragged out.

December 2022/California: An investigation conducted by the *Los Angeles Times* documented more than 125 animal injuries in the state since 2001—when a state law went into effect requiring rodeos to have a veterinarian in attendance or on call. Injuries included crushed skulls, broken legs, gored flanks, and snapped spines.

Due to gaps and/or underreporting, the paper could not determine if the statistics were "a vast undercount." A Los Angeles City Councilman said, "This stuff hardly gets reported. I would have to believe it's a vast undercount, and, even if it wasn't, I don't think it's a very good statistic."

October 14, 2022/Bellville, Texas: An eyewitness reported a calf appeared to break his hind legs after being thrown to the ground in the team roping event at the Bellville Rodeo. The downed calf was thrown into a tractor and removed from the arena. The witness said that she was told the calf was euthanized.

October 2022/ Fairfax, Virginia: During a Professional Bull Riders Challenger Series event, a bull fell to the ground crushing his back right leg. The bull struggled to stand, appearing to further injure his leg before collapsing to the ground. He was then dragged from the arena by a rope tied around his neck and legs.

September 28, 2022/Poway, California: A steer sustained a sprained leg during the steer wrestling event at the Poway Rodeo.

August 27, 2022/Ramona, California: A horse in the bucking event at the Ramona Rodeo was euthanized after breaking a leg.

July 9, 2022/Isanti, Minnesota: A horse at the Isanti Firefighters Rodeo died after an apparent heart attack.

May 23, 2022/Haywood, California: A horse at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo seized, collapsed, suffered a gran mal seizure and died.

April 21, 2022/Clovis, California: A bull was paralyzed in his hind legs at the Clovis Rodeo. He was euthanized. In other events, a steer suffered a broken leg and another sustained a broken ankle.

March 7, 2022/Houston, Texas: A witness reported that a horse being used in the bronc competition at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo fell twice and stood up with his leg "dangling off" and obviously broken.

February 19, 2022/Knoxville, Tennessee: A bull sustained a serious injury, likely a broken leg, at the Knoxville Invitational.

October 3, 2021/DeRidder, Louisiana: A 10-year-old boy died while participating in a junior rodeo after the horse he was riding suffered a suspected heart attack or brain aneurysm and fell, landing on the child. The horse also died.

September 26, 2021/San Bernardino, California: A horse sustained lacerations on both sides of his neck at the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rodeo.

July 29, 2021/Cheyenne, Wyoming: According to witnesses, during the wild horse race event at Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo, one horse had a clearly injured leg, possibly broken, yet the rider forced the animal to keep running. The horse eventually collapsed and was dragged into a truck and driven away. No announcement was made about the horse's condition.

July 24, 2021/Oakley, Idaho: Video captured spectators shooting Roman candles at cattle and fireworks bouncing off cows' heads at the Pioneer Days rodeo.

June 13, 2021/Glennville, California: A 3-month-old calf sustained a broken leg at the Glennville PRCA Rodeo.

June 15, 2019/Bonnyville, Alberta, Canada: A horse died after running into a fence and breaking his neck at the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo. A spokesperson said that there have been three other "incidences where horses or bulls have suffered fatal injuries" in the history of their rodeo.

June 2019/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Six horses died while running in the chuckwagon races at the Calgary Stampede.

April 20, 2019/Red Bluff, California: A horse died during the Wild Horse Race at the Red Bluff Round-Up rodeo after sustaining "substantial" injuries.

March 13, 2019/Houston, Texas: A steer was hauled out of the arena in a truck after being injured in the wrestling event at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

January 17, 2019/Denver, Colorado: According to an eyewitness, a steer was wrestled to the ground at the Denver Stock Show and Pro Rodeo and was unresponsive. The animal was carted out of the arena on a stretcher. According to the witness, it appeared the animal died after suffering a broken neck.

July 11, 2018/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A horse was euthanized after suffering a fractured front leg during a chuckwagon race at the Calgary Stampede.

July 2, 2018/Mobridge, South Dakota: An eyewitness reported that a horse ran into a fence and broke his neck at the Sitting Bull Stampede during the wild-horse racing event. In 2017, another horse reportedly broke his leg during the same event.

May 26, 2018/Pilesgrove Township, New Jersey: A horse being used in the saddle bronc–riding event at the Cowtown Rodeo ran headfirst into a fence and fell to the ground. The animal was removed from the arena on a metal gate and pronounced dead.

May 19, 2018/Castro Valley, California: A horse went down and was unable to stand after sustaining an injury to her shoulder and back in the Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo. She was euthanized after a veterinarian determined that her injury was "substantial."

July 16, 2017/Benton, Pennsylvania: According to an eyewitness, a horse stepped on a rope he was dragging and dropped to the ground and died.

July 9, 2017/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A horse was euthanized after suffering a severe leg fracture during the Calgary Stampede's chuckwagon races.

July 9, 2017/Golden, Colorado: According to an eyewitness, a horse fell after apparently suffered a leg injury and was euthanized.

July 4, 2017/Crawford, Nebraska: A calf died during the roping event at the Old West Trail PRCA Rodeo.

July 4, 2017/Lake Helen, Florida: According to an eyewitness, a horse collapsed three times before dying during a barrel racing event. The weather was above 90 degrees.

July 2, 2017/Vale, Oregon: Two horses were euthanized after breaking their legs during the suicide race at the Vale 4th of July Rodeo.

May 29, 2017/Quebec, Canada: A horse died after suffering what appeared to be a spinal injury.

April 19, 2017/Red Bluff, California: A calf sustained a broken leg, a horse sustained a skull fracture, and a steer suffered from lameness, all at the Red Bluff Round-Up rodeo.

March 20, 2017/Houston, Texas: Two horses fell during a chuck wagon race at Rodeo Houston. One driver noted, "Any time you have horses going that fast, you're gonna get some chance of an accident."

January 31, 2017/Fort Worth, Texas: Two horses died after snapping their spines in two separate incidents at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo. They both came out of the chute and ran headfirst into the arena wall during bronc-riding competitions.

November 24, 2016/Regina, British Columbia, Canada: A horse was euthanized after suffering a neck and/or spinal injury at the Pro Rodeo at Agribition. A witness said it "looked like the horse dropped dead."

August 8, 2016/Castro Valley, California: A steer's horn had a "3 inch injury," with the "outer horn peeled away (like [a] slab fracture)," and was bleeding at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo.

July 30, 2016/Boulder, Colorado: According to eyewitnesses at the Mexican Rodeo at the Boulder County Fairgrounds, a horse came out of the bucking chute and immediately fell to her knees. The riders in the arena encircled her so that spectators couldn't see what was happening. She was finally "hauled … onto a bulldozer," removed from the arena, and euthanized. During the same event, another horse stumbled and fell twice.

July 23, 2016/Farmerville, Louisiana: A man who had participated in a rodeo event at the D'Arbonne Range Riders' arena was charged with aggravated cruelty to an animal after he allegedly kicked his horse in the stomach and repeatedly punched the animal in the head.

May 25, 2016/Castro Valley, California: A horse sustained scrapes after flipping over in the bucking chute at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo.

May 23, 2016/Adrian, Missouri: A 12-year-old girl was crushed to death by the horse she was riding at a rodeo when the animal apparently had a fatal heart attack and crashed into a gate.

May 8, 2016/Woodlake, California: A horse developed a "prolonged and increased respiratory rate" after performing at the Woodlake Lions Rodeo, and another horse sustained injuries after running into a post.

May 7, 2016/Woodlake, California: A horse ran into a post and sustained a pectoral muscle tear and a hematoma at the Woodlake Lions Rodeo. Another horse developed a "prolonged and increased respiratory rate" after an event and required veterinary care.

April 25, 2016/Clovis, California: After being roped and tied down, a calf had difficulty standing and was removed from competition at the Clovis Rodeo. The on-site veterinarian noted that another calf had a swollen neck "most likely associated with the rope during competition." A horse was left bleeding after being hit with a rope while exiting the chute.

April 20, 2016/Clovis, California: A calf was having difficulty standing after the roping event at the Clovis Rodeo. A horse sustained a laceration with "mild to moderate" hemorrhaging.

April 19, 2016/Red Bluff, California: A calf sustained a leg fracture in the tie-down event at the Red Bluff Round-Up. In his report, the on-site veterinarian noted that "several other calves were injured of which I was unaware."

April 15, 2016/Tehama, California: Two calves sustained fractured legs at the Red Bluff Round-Up rodeo. The owner refused to allow the on-site veterinarian to treat them.

March 1, 2016/Houston, Texas: Two horses crashed into the arena wall during the Houston Rodeo's chuck wagon races, after the driver was thrown out of the rig. One horse reportedly fell to the ground.

October 10, 2015/Industry Hills, California: A calf was euthanized after breaking his leg at the Industry Hills Charity Rodeo.

August 2015/Omak, Washington: Two horses were euthanized while running in the Omak Stampede's Suicide Race. One sustained a broken back and the other a broken leg.

August 3, 2015/Paso Robles, California: A horse was euthanized after being seriously injured during the Wild Horse Race put on by the Flying U Rodeo Company at the California Mid-State Fair. Even though the horse had sustained a displaced fetlock (ankle), he was forced to complete the event.

July 2015/Cheyenne, Wyoming: Four steers died during the annual Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo. An official tried to put a positive spin on the death toll by saying that it had decreased from the six animals who had died in each of the previous two rodeos.

July 2015/Calgary, Canada: Four horses died during the annual Calgary Stampede.

July 8, 2015/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A calf roper was disqualified from the Calgary Stampede after he repeatedly and aggressively used his rope on his horse during a run. A spokesperson said it's believed to be the first time a competitor has been disqualified from the rodeo for that type of infraction.

July 6, 2015/La Pine, Oregon: A bull who was to be killed because he repeatedly attempted to escape from the La Pine Rodeo arena was struck and killed by a train.

July 3, 2015/Molalla, Oregon: Two horses collided at the Molalla Buckeroo PRCA Rodeo. One sustained multiple fractures and was euthanized.

June 28, 2015/Kitsap County, Washington: A horse died at the Thunderbird Pro Rodeo after throwing the rider and stepping on the halter rope. The horse flipped and landed on his or her neck, dying instantly.

October 10, 2015/City of Industry, California: A calf sustained a "complete" leg fracture and was euthanized at the Industry Hills Charity Rodeo.

September 26, 2015/Poway, California: A horse broke his leg during the bucking event in the Poway Rodeo and was euthanized.

July 2014/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A steer died at the Calgary Stampede after being wrestled to the ground. A horse also collapsed and died after a training run.

July 20, 2014/Cheyenne, Wyoming: A horse suffered a serious leg injury after running into a fence and flipping over it at the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo.

May 2014/Hayward, California: A cow was euthanized at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo after she panicked and jumped over a corral fence and broke her neck.

November 9, 2013/Edmonton, Alberta, Canada: A calf was euthanized after breaking a leg during the tie-down roping event at the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

August 7, 2013/Dakota County, Minnesota: A sheriff's deputy fired two shots at "very close range" at a rampaging bull at a rodeo at the Dakota County Fair. He later told reporters that he thought he hit the bull once. The animal was later euthanized.

August 2, 2013/Phillipsburg, Kansas: A horse being used in a bucking event broke her neck and died after running into a fence at the Phillipsburg Rodeo.



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July 31, 2013/Fremont County, Wyoming: A horse was euthanized after sustaining a severe spinal injury during the saddle-bronc competition that left the animal paralyzed.

July 2013/Cheyenne, Wyoming: At least six animals died and four others sustained serious injuries during the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo.

July 2013/Salinas, California: A steer died after apparently breaking his neck during a wrestling event at the California Rodeo Salinas, and a calf and a steer both sustained broken legs in other events.

July 2013/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A steer was paralyzed and died after sustaining catastrophic neck injuries during the steer-wrestling event at the Calgary Stampede. A horse died of a burst lung artery during the chuckwagon races.

June 2013/Pilesgrove Township, New Jersey: A horse died at the Cowtown Rodeo after collapsing and convulsing. A video of the event shows a man poking the horse with something as he enters the arena. Some witnesses said the horse was electroshocked, which the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association allows if a horse is resisting coming out of the chute.

November 10, 2012/Las Vegas, Nevada: A rider was killed and a horse was euthanized at the Indian National Finals Rodeo. The man died after the horse fell on him during the saddle bronc-riding competition. The horse had internal bleeding and a broken pelvis.

August 2012/Prince George, British Columbia, Canada: A bull was euthanized after breaking his leg during a bull-riding event at the PGX rodeo.

July 4, 2012/St. Paul, Oregon: Two horses were speeding around in circles in opposite directions in the rodeo's "wild horse race" and hit head-on at full gallop. Both were so badly injured they were euthanized.

July 2012/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Three horses were killed and another sustained severe injuries after a chuckwagon crash at the Calgary Stampede. One of the horses suffered a ruptured aortic aneurysm and collapsed, bringing down the rest of the team. The wagon behind slammed into the rig.

July 2012/Reno, Nevada: A calf sustained a neck injury and a compound fracture of his leg. According to reports, despite the animal's fatal injuries and the audible sound of the snapping of his neck and/or leg, the contestant did not stop his run. The dying calf was roughly loaded into the back of a pickup.

July 2012/Cheyenne, Wyoming: According to a news release, five animals were euthanized because of injuries at the Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo. Specific details were not released.

February 26, 2012/Fort Lauderdale, Florida: According to an eyewitness, a horse who was being used in a bucking event at the Davie Rodeo ran headfirst into a steel fence, fell, and could not get back up. The horse had spasms before becoming still, and the animal's body was tied to a truck and dragged out of the arena.

February 25, 2012/Davie, Florida: A horse used in bucking events was euthanized after breaking a leg during the opening day of the Orange Blossom Festival Rodeo.

February 22, 2012/San Angelo, Texas: A bull was injured and a horse died in separate events at the San Angelo Rodeo. The horse ran into a wall and sustained a broken neck, and the bull injured his spine.

January 5, 2012/Gering, Nebraska: A horse was euthanized after shattering a pastern bone during a rodeo practice session.

August 12, 2011/Mountain View, New Mexico: A horse who had just completed an event at the Torrance County Fair Junior Rodeo suddenly reared straight up, fell down hard, and went into convulsions before dying of an apparent heart attack.

July 30, 2011/Snyder, Texas: A horse who was at the Scurry County Rodeo died and later tested positive for rabies.

July 2011/Cheyenne, Wyoming: Two horses died at the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo, one from a back injury and the other from a neck injury.

July 2011/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Two horses died in the Calgary Stampede, both from injuries sustained during chuckwagon races.

May 22, 2011/Pico Rivera, California; A horse was euthanized after breaking his leg.

August 19, 2010/Canby, Oregon: A horse died of cardiac arrest at the Canby Rodeo.

July 2010/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Six horses died in the Calgary Stampede.

July 2010/Denver, Colorado: Two cattle were euthanized and nine were injured—including seven who were "de-gloved" meaning that their tails were stripped of skin) in an event known as "steer-tailing" at the Coleadero Rodeo.

April 24, 2010/Clovis, California: A horse died of an aneurysm while warming up for the Clovis Rodeo.

March 20, 2010/Houston, Texas: A horse broke his back and was euthanized at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

August 5, 2009/Rawlins, Wyoming: A horse broke his back during the saddle bronc event at the Carbon County Rodeo and was dragged out of the arena on a board before being euthanized.

August 1, 2009/Lake County, Illinois: A horse who was being used in a Barnes PRCA Rodeo Co. show was euthanized after sustaining a suspected neck injury.

July 20, 2009/Cheyenne, Wyoming: A horse died after sustaining head and/or neck injuries in a fall during a bronc-riding event at the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo. The horse reared up and fell over backward shortly after leaving the chutes.

July 2009/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Two horses died of heart attacks after the Calgary Stampede chuckwagon races, and a third broke a leg and was euthanized. A steer was euthanized after sustaining a severe spinal injury as a result of being thrown to the ground in the steer-wrestling event.

June 14, 2009/Casper, Wyoming: A horse was euthanized after injuring her spinal column at the College National Finals Rodeo. Two years earlier, a bull had broken his hind leg after catching his hoof in a chute and was later euthanized. In 2005, a horse died behind the chutes.

August 24, 2008/Kitsap, Washington: A horse died of a heart attack at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Xtreme Bulls Tour. The horse's

rider admitted that the horse had been agitated before entering the arena.

August 9, 2008/Omak, Washington: A horse was euthanized after breaking her foot during the Omak Stampede.

August 2008/San Angelo, Texas: A horse sustained a leg injury at the American Junior Rodeo Association and was euthanized after developing an infection.

June 30, 2007/Prescott, Arizona: A witness reported seeing a calf drop to the ground with an apparent broken neck after being roped during the Prescott Frontier Days rodeo. The calf was carried out of the arena, but no announcement was made about the animal's condition.

April 13, 2007/Springfield, Illinois: The Illinois Department of Agriculture determined that at least one bull had been electrically shocked, a man had slapped a bull, and bulls' tails had been pulled as the animals left the chutes at the 2006 National High School Finals Rodeo.

August 26, 2006/Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada: A horse who was being ridden in a bronc-riding event died after crashing into a fence at the Kamloops Outdoor Pro Rodeo.

March 16, 2006/Houston, Texas: A steer was euthanized after breaking his neck during a wrestling event at RodeoHouston. The man who wrestled the animal to the ground had the best time—3.8 seconds—on the run that killed the steer. The steer was removed from the arena, and no announcement was made.

August 14, 2005/Omak, Washington: A horse was killed during the Omak rodeo after he broke his neck during the "Wild Horse Race" event.

July 15, 2005/San Diego, California: A witness reported that a horse was killed during a "Wild Horse Race" event at the Lakeside "Bulls Only" rodeo. Reportedly, the horse broke his leg after tripping and crashing into another horse.

July 3, 2005/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: While being herded to the Calgary Stampede fairgrounds, at least nine horses died after being spooked and falling 33 feet off a city bridge into a river. Approximately 200 horses were on a six-day, 125-mile journey from the Stampede ranch near Hanna, Alberta, to the exhibition site near downtown Calgary. Some animals tumbled down a steep embankment, and others jumped or fell over the guardrail. Some horses died on impact, others drowned, and one had to be euthanized later.

April 16, 2005/Auburn, California: A horse was euthanized after breaking her leg at the PRCA Wild West Stampede. An 11-year-old girl who witnessed the incident said, "The leg was hanging loose, like it was not attached to the body, and blood was everywhere."

February 20, 2005/Cape Girardeau, Missouri: A steer was killed at a PRCA rodeo after the animal tripped and fractured his neck as he was being wrestled to the ground.

January 31, 2005/Omaha, Nebraska: A horse who was being used in a stunt at the World's Toughest Bulls and Broncs Rodeo was injured so badly that he had to be euthanized. In a show called the "One-Armed Bandit," a group of horses is herded on top of a specially made trailer. A rider comes up behind them and performs a series of turns as the truck and trailer drive forward. During the stunt, a horse fell from the trailer and had to be euthanized.

December 9, 2004/Las Vegas, Nevada: A calf had to be euthanized after sustaining a spinal injury during a calf-roping event at the National Finals Rodeo.

November 2, 2004/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: According to an article in the *Edmonton Journal*, the Calgary Stampede's star attraction—a "virtually unrideable" bull named Outlaw—was euthanized after sustaining injuries in a fight with another bull.

August 21, 2004/Payson, Arizona: A bull fractured his leg during the annual World's Oldest Continuous Rodeo in Payson.

August 14, 2004/Yakima, Washington: Three horses died after being forced to race down a steep slope at the annual Omak Stampede.

July 29, 2004/Edmonton, Alberta, Canada: Four horses who were being used in a chuckwagon race sustained severe injuries when a pole that was being used to attach them to the wagon broke as the winning horses were being led from the race. They were euthanized as a result.

July 27, 2004/Salinas, California: A bull was shot and killed after escaping from a Mexican bull-riding rodeo by jumping a 7-foot gate and subsequently running 5 miles through town. The bull charged a man who was trying to corral him, kicking and goring him in the arm. The man was taken to a hospital.

July 17, 2004/Salinas, California: A spokesperson for the Monterey County SPCA confirmed that a horse who was being used in a racing exhibition at the Salinas Rodeo broke his leg and was euthanized.

July 10, 2004/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A horse who was being used in a wild horse competition at the Calgary Stampede was euthanized after he broke a leg as a result of colliding with another horse and being thrown into a rail.

July 8, 2004/Morris, Illinois: According to the Grundy County Attorney's Office, a rodeo contractor pleaded guilty to cruelty to animals for using an electric prod to shock bulls in the chute at the Big Bucks Rodeo in Morris in September 2003. He received six months of court supervision and was fined $300.

May 23, 2004/Surrey, British Columbia, Canada: A steer who was being used in the Cloverdale Rodeo wrestling competition was slammed to the ground so hard that his neck broke. While horrified spectators watched, the twitching animal was nearly run over by a truck before being hoisted onto a trailer and trucked away.

February 27, 2004/Perry, Georgia: A bull leaped over a fence and plowed through a group of spectators at the Georgia National Rodeo, injuring 10 people (including at least one child) and sending two to the hospital. A rodeo official stated, "He won't be back in the rodeo arena. If you eat McDonald's, you might run into him again."

February 22, 2004/San Angelo, Texas: A horse who was being used in a saddle-bronc competition broke his neck and died in the ring. He was removed from the arena with a forklift.

January 31, 2004/Topeka, Kansas: A calf who was being used in roping events in the PRCA Championship Rodeo broke through a fence and wandered the streets for more than an hour. It took about a dozen rodeo workers to catch the animal.

January 20, 2004/Denver, Colorado: A horse was killed after breaking his leg during a bucking event at the National Western Stock Show, Rodeo and Horse Show.

July 23, 2003/Salt Lake City, Utah: A bull escaped from a holding pen at the Delta Center and bolted across the street to a shopping center, where he destroyed a table at an outdoor café before being captured.

June 24, 2003/Reno, Nevada: Two horses were seriously injured at the Reno Rodeo. One horse who was being used in a bareback riding event sustained a serious head injury after slamming into the arena gate. Another horse who was being used in a bucking event unexpectedly dropped to the ground. A veterinarian later reported that the latter horse had sustained a serious spinal injury.

January 17, 2003/Johnson City, Tennessee: Two bulls escaped from a gated area during a professional bull-riding event after one bull, according to a police official, "literally picked the fence up and threw it in the air." One of the bulls led police and rodeo officials on a chase through yards and busy streets, down railroad tracks, and through wooded areas.

December 12, 2002/Las Vegas, Nevada: A bull who was being used for bucking events fell and fractured his spine moments after leaving the chute. His injuries were so severe that he had to be euthanized.

August 19, 2002/Brookhaven, Massachusetts: A 20-year-old woman died from head injuries that she had sustained when she jumped from her horse during a barrel-racing event and struck a steel arena gate. The woman was unable to stop the horse as the animal ran out of the arena.

July 15, 2002/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: By the conclusion of the nine-day Calgary Stampede, a calf had sustained a broken leg during a roping event and had been euthanized, a horse who had been used in the chuckwagon event had suffered a heart attack–induced aneurism and died, five more horses had been injured and later euthanized during chuckwagon events, and three horses had sustained broken legs, one a broken shoulder, and another a broken back.

May 24, 2002/San Diego County, California: A bucking bull appeared to have broken a leg during the Western Days Valley Center Rodeo. He reportedly hobbled across the arena dragging one leg behind him. Rodeo officials subsequently issued conflicting stories, that the bull was being sent to Colorado for breeding and that he had been treated and was back home and healthy. Riverside County Animal Control confirmed that the bull had been sent to slaughter.

December 9, 2001/Las Vegas, Nevada: At the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, a horse flipped over and broke his back. The horse was removed from the arena and had to be euthanized. An article in *Extra!* magazine stated, "[T]he TV audience had no clue about what happened: The camera cut just before the horse flipped over, and none of the announcers said one word about the incident."

November 7, 2001/Edmonton, Alberta, Canada: A 27-year-old man fell into a coma after he was repeatedly stomped, trampled, and rammed by a bull he was riding at the Canadian Finals Rodeo. The bull continued to attack him as he lay unconscious on the ground. Two years earlier, the man had been blinded in one eye when the horn of a bull he was riding slammed into his face, shattering it from jawbone to forehead.

November 7, 2001/Beauregard, Alabama: A 19-year-old man died after having been trampled and kicked by a bull during a bull-riding event on a private farm.

July 2, 2001/Salinas, California: A horse had to be euthanized after falling and breaking a leg during a racing event at the California Rodeo Salinas.

May 1, 2001/Rockford, Illinois: A bull who had escaped from a farm that trains animals for rodeos was found roaming around soccer field where children were playing. Police fatally shot the bull. The county animal control agency had cited the bull's owner for previous escapes.

April 27, 2001/Gonzales, Louisiana: A 22-year-old man died after being trampled by a bull he had been riding in a rodeo at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center.

January 22, 2001/Millville, Ohio: A 16-year-old was killed while riding a bull when he lost his grip and was struck in the head by one of the bull's horns. The teen was preparing for a local weekly rodeo bull-riding event.

December 9, 2000/Las Vegas, Nevada: A calf was removed from a National Finals Rodeo calf-roping event on a stretcher after being roped around the neck and thrown to the ground.

November 4, 2000/San Francisco, California: A bull broke his neck at the Grand National Rodeo after crashing into the metal base of a seesaw that four cowboys were riding.

July 2000/Rainier, Canada: A 29-year-old man was killed when a bull he was riding at the Medicine Hat Stampede stepped on him.

May 1, 2000/Spokane, Washington: A bull escaped from a bull-riding contest and ran down the interstate before being hit by a car. Police shot at the animal, but he disappeared into the woods. He was recaptured three days later.

March 24, 2000/Albuquerque, New Mexico: A 30-year-old man was thrown and then stomped on by the bull he was riding at an Albuquerque rodeo. He was immediately taken to a nearby hospital, where he died of massive internal injuries. Several years before, the man's brother had sustained traumatic head injuries that led to a coma after having been thrown from a bull during a rodeo in Idaho.

February 4, 2000/San Antonio, Texas: A horse broke his back during a bareback bronco-riding event at the San Antonio rodeo. Paralyzed, the horse dragged himself by his front legs across the stadium before collapsing. The horse was euthanized. Rodeo officials said that this incident and "a couple of calves with fractured legs [at last year's rodeo]" were "freak accidents."

August 9, 1999/Ottawa, Ontario, Canada: A horse was killed when he slammed into a fence during a bucking event at the Can-Am rodeo in Ottawa. Spectators watched the horse go into death throes after breaking his neck.

August 6, 1999/Santa Barbara, California: A horse was killed during the bucking-bronco event at the Santa Barbara Fiesta rodeo. This marked the 10th known animal death at a California rodeo since 1995.

July 23, 1999/Columbus, Ohio: A bull was shot and killed by police after breaking free of a rodeo near Columbus.

July 22, 1999/Ford City, Pennsylvania: A bull who was being used in a rodeo had an "anxiety attack" and jumped an 8-foot fence to escape.

July 9, 1999/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A horse was killed during the chuckwagon event at the Calgary Stampede after crashing during the "Half Mile of Hell" event.

June 21, 1999/New York, New York: Police fired 40 shots at a bull who escaped from an illegal rodeo in Long Island City. It took 15 minutes for the animal to bleed to death.

June 5, 1999/Santa Maria, California: Three horses escaped serious injury after falling at a full run at a rodeo in Santa Maria. One was able to walk away, but two were limping as they left the arena.

January 25, 1999/Fort Worth, Texas: A bull escaped from his pen at a rodeo in Fort Worth, tearing through the concourse, bumping into several people, and knocking over a beer stand before being roped by cowboys on horseback. A spokesperson said, "The bull was just as shaken up as the people."

January 16, 1999/Denver, Colorado: A horse who was being used in the bronc-riding event at the National Western Stock Show crashed headfirst into a wall, breaking his neck. In a second incident during the same rodeo, a horse who was being used in the saddle-bronc event bucked so hard that he broke his back and was euthanized.

June 2, 1998/Connecticut: During a "dash for cash" contest at a rodeo fundraiser for the Connecticut Make-A-Wish Foundation, a steer was tackled and thrown to the ground. His neck was broken. Organizers of the rodeo called in a clown to distract the stricken audience. The steer died, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation later announced that it would no longer be associated with rodeos.

March 2, 1998/Houston, Texas: One steer died and two calves were injured at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The steer sustained a broken neck during the steer-wrestling competition, and the calves broke their legs during the calf-roping events.

July 15, 1997/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: A bull who was being ridden in the bucking event at the Calgary Stampede kicked so high that his leg got caught in the chute gate. His leg was completely fractured above his fetlock, exposing the bone. The bull was euthanized.

April 24, 1997/San Luis Obispo, California: A horse fell and died during a bucking event at a rodeo at Cal Poly University in California. The announcer told the crowd that the horse was "OK." Later it was revealed that the horse had actually sustained fatal injuries.

September 30, 1996/Pomona, California: A horse died of a broken neck at a Pomona rodeo after crashing into another horse.

July 11, 1996/Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Three horses were killed during the chuckwagon event at the Calgary Stampede. Two horses died instantly, and the third was later euthanized after crashing on the "Half Mile of Hell" event.

April 18, 1996/Laramie, Wyoming: A Laramie County Community College rodeo coach was charged with cruelty to animals after four rodeo steers froze to death in Wyoming.

February 12, 1996/Anaheim, California: A bronco crashed headlong into a heavy metal gate and died at an Anaheim rodeo. Spectators reported that wranglers were "prodding the horses and hyping them up." A rodeo official admitted that his staff used 4-foot-long wooden prods to keep the handlers out of kicking range.

August 8, 1995/Santa Barbara, California: A horse was gored to death after being improperly housed with a bull in a holding pen. Three shots were fired at the dying animal in front of a large crowd that included children.

July 23, 1995/Salinas, California: A horse ran full-speed into a fence and was killed, another horse broke his leg, and a calf broke his back at a rodeo in Salinas. The latter two animals were both euthanized. In all, five animals lost their lives at this specific rodeo.